Sep.t 23: Came Hugh Hopewell of Calvert County and shewed to the Judge here that Jonathan King late of Calvert County Wheelwright decd. dyed Intestate and that he the s.d Hugh Hopewell is principall Creditor by decd. held right to Administracon of his Estate w.ch he prayed might to him be committed. —

Whereupon and forasmuch as Mr. Philip Lynes a considerable Creditor also to the s.d decd. came and signified his renunci: =ation thereof and that he did quit his right of Administracon to the s.d Hopewell: Leas of Administracon were accordingly committed to the s.d Hugh Hopewell he having taken the oath of an Adm.r according to Lawes and given Bond with Mr. William Taylard his Security in the Summe of Six hundred pounds sterl. well & truly to administer the: according to Law:: Wm. Hames & John Wileman nominated & appointed Ap.ds warrant accordingly directed to them, and to Mr. Sam.l Watkyns to Sweare them —

Edd: Die. The will Nuncupative of his Ex.ncie Lionell Copley Esq.r decd (soe adjudged by reason of Same altho' written according to directions was not duely Executed (the Testator in his life time) was produced before the Judge here and proved by the Oath of John Lewellin that wrote the Same, to be according to the instructions and the true intent and meaneing of the Testator soe neere as he could apprehend and take the same; The hon.ble the Judge one of the Trustees of the said will nominated holding himself incapacitated by vertue of his Office to undertake the charge Enters his renunciation thereof Coll.o Nicholas Greenberry another of the said Trustees by reason of his age and remoteness of habitation as also John Lewellin one other of the said Trustees being the onely Evidence to prove the will, and for that he is designed (God willing) on a voyage for England) Who both also signifie and pray Entry of their renunciation (saveing to themselves each of them his right to a prio: =rity of the payment of their just debts and demands from the Estate of the decd: according to law:) Whereupon Letters of Administration of the goods and Chattells &c: of the said

Sep.t: 23: said Decd: were committed to Thomas Tench Esq.r and George Slater Esq.r the other Trustees of the said will nominated & appointed, ~~[illegible]~~ for and on the behalf of the Children of the said Decd: in the words Foll.g (viz.t)

William & Mary by the Grace of God King and Queen of Eng.d Scotland France and Ireland Defend.rs of the Faith &c: To Thomas Tench of Ann Arundell County Esq.r and George Slater of Calvert County Esq.r Greeting: Wheres It is shewed to our Judge for probate of Wills &c: that the Ex.ncie Lionel Copley Esq.r decd: did in his life time make known publish and declare his verball will w.ch was in common forme proved, in and by w.ch s.d verball will the s.d Lionel Copley did nominate and appoint Coll.o Nehemiah Blakiston, Coll.o Nicholas Greenberry, Thomas Tench & George Slater Esq.rs and John Lewellin gent. Overseers of the s.d Nuncupative will for management of his Affaires in this Province of Maryland, And It was further shewed that the s.d Nehemiah Blakiston the s.d Court Judge for probate of Wills declared himself altogether incapacitated by vertue of his Office to take upon him the charge thereof, and therefore did renounce all right or Interest therein, onely saving to himself his right in law to a priority of the payment of his just debts and demands, and the s.d Coll.o Greenberry declared that by reason of his age and remoteness of a body, and the said John Lewellin the onely Evidence that proved the said Nuncupative Will being likewise suddenly designed for England declared themselves severally for the reasons aff.d incapacitated to take upon them the burden of the Administracon of the s.d Decd.s Estate, therefore they doe likewise renounce & relinquish their right to the same, but likewise saveing and reserving to each of them their right to a priority of the receiveing their just debts and demands due from the s.d Decd.s Estate according to law, that the s.d Coll.o Nehemiah Blakiston, Coll.o Nicholas Greenberry, and Mr. John Lewellin on behalf of the Orphans of the s.d Lionel Copley have humbly prayed, that Administracon of the Goods Chattells and Credits of the s.d Decd: with the will annexed, be granted and committed unto You the s.d Thomas Tench and George Slater Esq.rs You first Giveing good & sufficient Security for due Administracon thereof, according to Law: Wee Do therefore hereby Give and Grant unto You the s.d Thomas Tench and George Slater Esq.rs full power